

Traffic Stop Leads to Felony Drug Charges for Frederica Man - Felton

Felton- Delaware State Police arrested 21-year-old **Bruce S. Patricella** of Frederica on felony drug charges following a traffic stop on September 2, 2020.

At approximately 12:43 p.m., a trooper conducting a proactive patrol in the area of Walnut Shade Road, Woodside, observed a white Toyota Camry operating with an expired registration. A traffic stop was initiated on the vehicle on Barney Jenkins Road, and contact was made with the 46-year-old male operator from Frederica and passenger, Patricella. Upon contact, Patricella provided a fictitious name to the trooper, but his identity was later confirmed through a computer check. Based on information obtained during the interaction with the operator and Patricella, a search was conducted of the vehicle.

Located in the vehicle was the following:

- (1) Buprenorphine Hydrochloride pill
- (5) Buprenorphine Hydrochloride with Naloxone Hydrochloride pills
- (39) Amphetamine pills
- (1) Adderall pill
- (37) Amphetamine Dextroamphetamine pills
- (1) Amphetamine Dextroamphetamine pill

Through investigative measures it was determined the drugs belonged to Patricella. He was taken into custody and transported to Troop 3 where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance

(2 counts-felony)

- Criminal Impersonation
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Patricella was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$21,200.00 cash bond.

The operator of the vehicle was charged with traffic violations and released.

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